

**10/5/09 - Monday, October 5, 2009**

**EAU CLAIRE  
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Meeting of October 5, 2009**

Members Present: Jenny Ebert, Ken Ziehr, Katrinka Bourne, Sue Nelson, Ken Fulgione, Bob Von Haden

Members Absent: John Mann

Minutes. The minutes of the September 1, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

**1. Public Hearing and Consideration of Expanded Third Ward Historic Landmark District as a Local Landmark District.**

The Commission held a public hearing on the proposed designation of the Expanded Third Ward Historic Landmark District. The local landmark historic district was first designated in 1984 after the original National Register District was created in 1983. The National Register District was then expanded in 2004 based on additional historic survey work undertaken by the State Historical Society. The revised boundary of the local historic district now being considered by the Landmarks Commission would address two items, more closely coinciding the local historic district boundary with the boundary of the National Register District from 2004 and reinstating properties that were removed from the local landmark district in 1992. The Commission reviewed maps illustrating the boundary of the expanded National Register Historic District and the properties that opted-out of the local historic district in 1992.

It was noted that consideration of the expanded district is recommended in the City™s 2005 Comprehensive Plan and the Third Ward Neighborhood Plan. Two specific policy statements included in the Historic Preservation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan include:

- Consider the local designation of properties and districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Restore continuity of the two locally landmarked historic districts and the individually landmarked program.

The Third Ward Neighborhood Plan also recommends consideration of the proposed historic district. The neighborhood plan, which was adopted in 2001, states that the establishment of historic districts within the neighborhood should be encouraged to promote the preservation and stability of the area. This plan also recommends consideration of adding those properties back into the district that were removed in 1992.

The Commission noted that in an effort to discuss the possibility of expanding the local historic district and reinstating the opted-out properties, the Commission held two informational meetings to inform property owners and solicit input. One meeting was held on November 11, 2008 to discuss the district with property owners that opted out of the district. The second meeting was held on June 25, 2009 to discuss the district with property owners located within the expanded National Register District. The Commission also published informational articles in Third Ward Neighborhood Association newsletters regarding the proposed district. Attendance at the two informational meetings was light, but comments were positive.

The district plan as required in Chapter 2.65 was discussed by the Commission.

Jack Postlewaite, 110 Park Place, spoke in opposition to the proposed designation. Mr. Postlewaite indicated that he was also speaking for other property owners in that he did not want to be subject to Commission review of exterior improvements to his house. He saw no advantage in being in the district. He added that he had opted-out of the local historic district in 1992 and did not want his house reinstated.

Patricia Kaufman, 442 Lincoln Avenue, spoke in opposition. Ms. Kaufman indicated that she had opted-out of the district in 1992 and did not see any benefit of being placed back in the district. She also expressed concerns about Commission review of a roof repair project a number of years ago. Ms. Kaufman submitted a petition to the Commission with those signing indicating their opposition to the proposed district.

Richard Marx, 442 Lincoln Avenue, spoke in opposition. Mr. Marx indicated that he had opted-out of the district and wanted to keep his property out of the district.

Kathy Attermeier, 334 Garfield Avenue, spoke in support of the proposed designation. Ms. Attermeier stated that the historic district would benefit the neighborhood and noted that the neighborhood plan recommended expansion of the local historic district.

Dorothy Barstad, 456 Lincoln Avenue, spoke in opposition. Ms. Barstad questioned why the properties that opted-out in 1992 should be reinstated.

Roger Gravrok, 460 Summit Avenue, spoke in support. Mr. Gravrok stated that the historic district would help protect or enhance property values in the neighborhood and protect properties from changes that could negatively affect their architectural character.

Lil Goodman indicated that she owned properties within the proposed district and spoke in opposition. She indicated that she did not want her properties subject to Commission review.

Carolyn Conway, 340 Garfield Avenue, spoke in support. Ms. Conway stated that the district would help provide increased neighborhood stability.

The Commission noted that two letters had been submitted regarding the proposed designation. One letter from Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Steiner, 1501 State Street indicating their opposition and another letter from Mr. Bill Klish, 1421 South Farwell Street indicating his

support.

The Commission discussed the proposed designation and issues relating to the properties that were removed from the original historic district in 1992 and the properties that are part of the 2004 expansion of the National Register District. Ken Fulgione stated that he felt that the historic district has helped maintain property values in the neighborhood.

Katrina Bourne moved that the Commission introduce separate motions regarding the properties that had opted-out of the local district in 1992 and those properties not within the original local district, but included in the 2004 expansion of the National Register District. She noted that this would be appropriate due to the differing circumstances and issues of the properties. Sue Nelson seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Bob Von Haden moved that the Commission recommend approval of the expansion of the Third Ward Historic Landmark District to include those properties that are within the 2004 Third Ward National Register Expansion District and located outside of the existing landmark district boundary. This expanded district exemplifies or reflects the broad cultural, economic and social history of the community; and embodies the distinguishing characteristics of an architectural type, inherently valuable for the study of a particular period and in a method of construction. Ken Ziehr seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

Sue Nelson then moved to table consideration of reinstating the properties that were previously removed from the district until their next meeting. Katrina Bourne seconded the motion. All votes were in favor. Motion carried.

## **2. Discussion on 2009 CLG Grant.**

Pat Ivory informed the Commission that the informational meeting for the CLG grant project is scheduled for October 19th. The grant funds will be used to conduct Intensive Historic Surveys for the Eastside Hill Neighborhood and the neighborhood located to the northwest of Platt Street and First Street. Tim Heggland and Joe DeRose from the State Historical Society will attend the meeting. Pat noted that the Eastside Hill Neighborhood had been informed about the meeting and that he would be contacting businesses and churches in the west side area to see if flyers could be posted regarding the meeting.

## **3. Update on Landmark Activities and Properties.**

A. HPF Report. Pat Kurtenbach from the Historic Preservation Foundation (HPF) updated the Commission on projects and activities of the HPF.

B. State Review Board Meeting. Pat reminded the Commission of the fall meeting of the State Review Board meeting to be held on October 23rd at the UVEC.

C. Commission Appointments. The Commission continued their discussion that Ken Ziehr and John Mann would be completing their second terms on the Commission at the end of the year. Possible replacements were discussed and it was suggested that Katrinka Bourne become the architect for the Commission. A citizen member and historian would need to fill the two vacant positions. Pat indicated that John Mann had contacted someone that is interested in the historian position.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sue Nelson, Secretary